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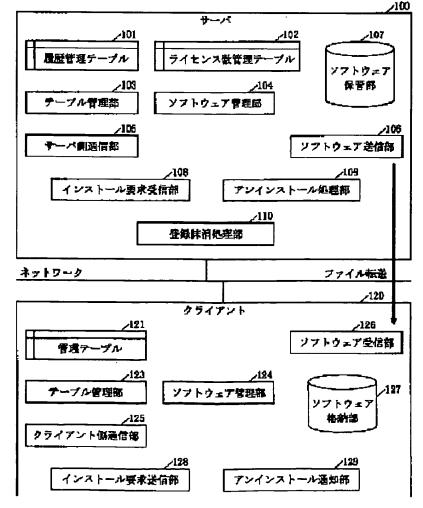
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## (54) **SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To prevent the number of installed software from exceeding the contracted license number. by making a server store information showing a history of software install and information showing the license number of software, and managing the license number of the software installed in the client.

SOLUTION: The serve 100 stores a software to be newly installed in a client 120 in a soft ware storage part 107 and registers in a history management table 101. The client 120 judges whether or not to install the software stored in the server 100, and



storing it in a software storing part 127. When an install is completed, a software management part 104 stores day and time of the install in the history management table 101 as well as register the installed incense number is a license number management table 102. Thus, the license number installed in the client 120 is managed by the server 100.

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